

## IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly replace claims 2, 3, 10, 12 and 13 by the following claims.

2. (twice amended) A composition according to claim 13, wherein component (b) is at least one compound of formula I, wherein

R<sub>1</sub> is C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>alkyl,

R<sub>2</sub> is hydrogen or methyl, and

n is the number 1.

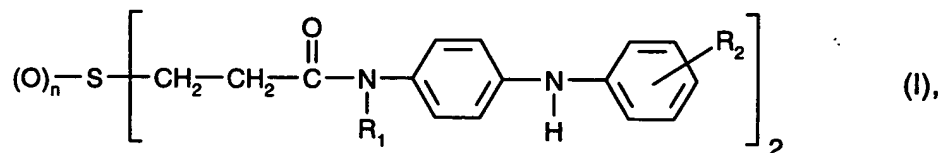
3. (twice amended) A composition according to claim 13, wherein component (b) is at least one compound of formula I, wherein

R<sub>1</sub> is C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>alkyl,

R<sub>2</sub> is hydrogen, and

n is the number 1.

10. (amended) A compound of formula I



wherein

R<sub>1</sub> C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>alkyl,

R<sub>2</sub> is hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkyl, and

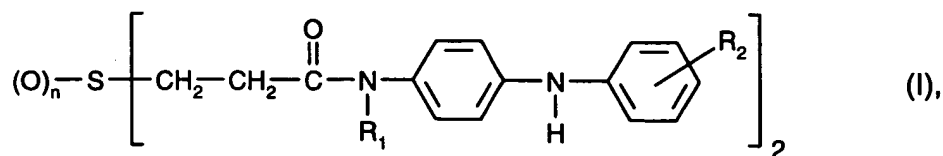
n is the number 1 or 2.

13. (amended) A composition, which comprises

a) a carbon black-free elastomer subject to oxidative, thermal, light- or ozone-induced degradation, and

b) at least one compound of formula I

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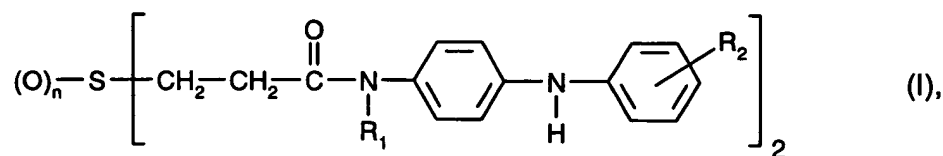
wherein

$R_1$  is  $C_3$ - $C_{12}$ alkyl,

$R_2$  is hydrogen or  $C_1$ - $C_4$ alkyl, and

$n$  is the number 1 or 2.

**14. (amended)** A process for stabilizing and reducing the discoloration of carbon black-free elastomers, which comprises incorporating in, or applying to, said elastomers at least one compound of formula I



wherein

$R_1$  is  $C_3$ - $C_{12}$ alkyl,

$R_2$  is hydrogen or  $C_1$ - $C_4$ alkyl, and

$n$  is the number 1 or 2.

#### STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 2-11, 13 and 14 were pending in this application.

Claims 2-11, 13 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kline (U.S. Patent No. 3,975,414).

Claims 2, 3, 10, 13 and 14 have been amended.

Claims 2-11, 13 and 14 are presented for reconsideration.

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